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SUBJECT: USAF ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICES UNDER INTER-AMERICAN
MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE (CAMI)

1. TRANSCRIBED BELOW IN PARA 5 IS TEXT OF USAFO
MESSAGE ON SUBJECT WHICH WAS RECEIVED AT THIS POST.
AS INDICATED, MESSAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO COLOMBIAN
AIR FORCE (FAC) PROPOSING USAF INITIATION OF CAMI
SERVICE BETWEEN COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, CANAL ZONE AND
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THIS WAS FIRST INFORMATION THAT
ANYONE AT THIS MISSION RECEIVED ON THIS SUBJECT, AND
NO CLEARANCE OR CHECK WAS MADE WITH US REGARDING THIS
APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. I HAVE SEVERAL APPREHENSIONS CONCERNING THIS
STEP A) WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOC (AS DISTINCT
FROM FAC) WOULD BE AGREEABLE OR HAS BEEN CONSULTED
AS TO SUCH REGULAR SERVICE B) THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL,
DEPENDENTS, CARGO HHGS AND MAIL WILL OF COURSE RAISE
QUESTIONS AS TO GOC ACCEPTANCE OF PROCEDURES RE CUSTOMS
AND IMMIGRATION, AND CHANCES FOR MISUNDERSTANDING
AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY EXIST IT MAY HAVE BEEN
ASSUMED THAT FAC WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, BUT
ITS CAPACITY TO DO SO IS NOT ASSURED, NOR IS IT CLEAR
THAT OTHER DEPENDENCIES OF GOC WOULD AGREE C) THERE
IS REAL POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC MISUNDERSTANDING LOCALLY
SINCE HIGHLY VISIBLE USAF PLANES WILL BE SEEN ENGAGED
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IN HIGHLY VISIBLE CARGO AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN THIS

DAY OF COLOMBIAN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY AND AUSTERITY.

3. NOR AM I SURE FROM A POLICY POINT OF VIEW WHAT US OBJECTIVE IS, WHAT PROMPTED THIS INITIATIVE, HOW TRADE-OFFS WERE CALCULATED, AND WHAT THE NET GAIN TO US INTEREST IS IN INITIATING THIS SERVICE OURSELVES, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT US DOMESTIC ENVIRONMENT REGARDING NEED FOR PETROLEUM CONSERVATION AND BUDGET ECONOMIES.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD'S VIEWS AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS STEP, WHETHER IT IS BELIEVE THESE MAY OUTWEIGH OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGES AND INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE INITIAL APPROACH TO THE FAC WAS COORDINATED AND APPROVED IN WASHINGTON.

5. THE TEXT OF THE USAFSO MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FROM USAFSO ALBROOK ACTION CSAF WASHDC, USDAO BOGOTOA, USMILGP BOGOTA, 24 COMPT HOWARD AFB, USMAAG SANTO DOMINGO, USMLO QUITO DTG 111935Z

SUBJ: CAMI SERVICE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR INFO AS IT HAS BEEN DISPATCHED IN SPANISH SITFAGRAM TO COLOMBIAN, ECUADORIAN AND DOMINICAN AFS ON 11 DEC 74. THE USAF IS PREPARED TO INITIATE CAMI SVC BETWEEN HOW, QUITO, BOGOTA, AND STO DOMINGO WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR CONCURRENCE. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE TO BE BY C-130 ACFT
A. ODD MONTHS -4TH WED: HOW, STO DOMINGO, BOGOTA, QUITO, HOW.
B. EVEN MONTHS-2ND WED HOW, QUITO, BOGOTA, STO DOMINGO, HOW.
2. ONE PALLET POSITION FOR CGO, APPROXIMATELY 5000 LBS AND 6 PAX SPACES ARE GUARANTEED ON EACH FLT. MORE WOULD BE OFFERED, IF AVAIL. THE 24 COMPG AIR TERMAINAL SERVICES SUPPORT BRANCH HOWARD AFB CZ, WOULD COORDINATE CARGO/PASSENGER SPACE RESERVATIONS.

3. AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS CONJEFAMERS, THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA APPLIES:

A. PASSENGERS MAY BE:

(1) ACTIVE DUTY MIL PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF LATIN AMERICAN AIR FORCES TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OR ON OFFICIAL LEAVE.

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(2) DEPENDENTS OF LATIN AMERICAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TRAVELING BETWEEN HOME COUNTRY AND COUNTRY OF ASSIGNMENT WHEN SUCH TRAVEL IS FOR FAMILY EMERGENCIES, MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR CHANGE OF DUTY STATION.

(3) DIGNITARIES OF ONE COUNTRY INVITED BY LATIN AMERICAN AIR FOCES OF ANOTHER COUNTRY FOR AN OFFICIALS VISIT TO OR ORIENT ATION OF HOST COUNTRY AIR FORCE ACTIVITY.

B. CARGO:

(1) OFFICIAL CARGO AND MAIL OF A LATIN AMERICAN AIR FORCE.

(2) HHGS TO/FROM HOME COUNTRY AND COUNTRY OF ASSIGNMENT AT THE TIME OF A CHANGE IN DUTY STATION.

C. FLAMABLE MATERIAL, AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS, SPOILABLE FOOD STUFF, FOOD PROHIBITED BY CAMI SIGNATORY COUNTRIES, PETS AND AGRICULTURAL PLANTS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL HEALTH REGULATIONS WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED.

4. IAW CAMI REGULATIONS, IT WILL BE THE INDIVIDUAL PASSENGERS RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE HE POSSESSES PROPER AND NECESSARY IMMIGRATION/HEALTH DOCUMENTS TO DEPLANE AT HIS DESTINATION; AND HE HAS MET ANY OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY AND COUNTRIES TRANSITTED. FURTHER EACH SHIPPINGACTIVITY WILL INSURE NECESSARY COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR CARGO OFFLOAD HAS BEENOBTAINED. USAFSO WILL ACCEPT ALL ORIGINATING PASSENGERS AND CARGO AS HAVING MET NATIONAL REGULATIONS OF DESIGNATION COUNTRY.

5. WE ASSUME ACCEPTANCE OF ABOVE WILL ALSO PERMIT SIMILAR RECIPROCAL AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR MOVING PASSENGERS AND CARGO OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND.

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